(b): The steps being taken by ITDC inter-alia include sponsoring of foreign tours; aggressive marketing and sales efforts abroad; negotiating of special rate contracts with foreign tour operators; establishing direct contact with major tour operators/travel agents to promote traffic to India; and offering incentives in rates to overseas sales representative's agents.

Opening of Booking Offices by Indian Airlines and Air India

5474. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of booking offices of the Indian Airlines and the Air India opened during 1990 and upto June 30,1991; and

(b) the number of booking offices proposed to be opened during the remaining period of 1991 by the Air India and the Indian Airlines, separately?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) During the period 1990 and upto June 30,1991, Air India opened one new booking office. Indian Airlines did not open any.

(b) Indian Airlines and Air India have no proposal to open any news booking office during the remaining period of 1991.

Flight Landings at Airports

5475. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Airports Authority of India has asked all the airlines to take effective measures for spacing out flight landings for the convenience of passengers and handling agencies at the airports;

(b) whether bunching of flights during nights is causing great inconvenience to the incoming passengers awaiting clearance; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the various airlines for spacing out the landings of their flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Flight schedules of international airlines are coordinated and approved according to certain established parameters. There is a bunching of flights during the night at our International Airports primarily because of the geographical location of the country vi-vis Europe and USA, and because of airports being closed at night in Europe,USA and some far East countries. Within the established promoters, foreign airlines are requested from time to time to shift their flights within a reasonable time span so that the congestion at the airports is reduced.

Earnings from Foreign Airlines

5476. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
DR.G.L. KANAUJIA:

Will the Minster of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign airlines which are operating through India;

(b) the amount earned from each of the foreign airlines during each of the last three years and till date; and